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To our Long Branch Neighbors,

We received an email from a Long Branch resident informing us that the Long Branch Dolphins were having difficulty finding volunteers to replace Julie Wiggins and Heather Hartung as swim team representatives. We were asked by this individual to write a short letter to the swim team parents encouraging them to become involved and support the team.

Rather than a letter to just swim team parents, we decided to write a short narration titled “Long Branch – A Community Built by Volunteers”....a story that began in 1973.

Long Branch – A Community Built by Volunteers

You own or are renting a home in one of the nicest neighborhoods in Northern Virginia, Long Branch. Canterbury Woods Elementary, Frost Middle and Woodson High schools are ranked as some of the finest in Fairfax County. Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University are nearby. You have easy access to major highways, bus transportation and metro rail is within a fifteen minute drive.

What makes Long Branch unique? Ann Marie and I believe that the answer lies in its history and the people that invested their time and efforts in transforming a group of houses into a community called Long Branch. We were here from the beginning. This article documents the history of the community’s growth and how its residents added value through their effort in making it a better place to live.

Long Branch has been our home for 39 years. We saw our 7 children grow from babies to adults here. Long Branch means a lot to us in terms of the people and experiences we have enjoyed. We will miss our friends and the community since we will be moving to the Charlottesville area in August.



Looking for a fun, safe outdoor place for your dog to play in Fairfax?

Braddock Dogs Association, a volunteer group dedicated to the development and maintenance of off-leash dog areas (OLDA) in the Braddock District, is working towards the development of our first OLDA at Monticello Park on Guinea Road, between Burke Road and Bronte Drive. For more information on how you can get involved or to donate, please visit:

<http://braddockdogs.blogspot.com>

We are asking all of you to consider investing a small portion of your time in your community. The Civic Association, Neighborhood Watch, LBSRC and Dolphin's swim team all need volunteers to make them a success. Explore the idea of group buying...each Spring conduct a survey on who wants to redo their driveway, reroof their home, replace old siding, etc...get bids and buy as a group...we did that years ago and saved money in the process. By working together, you will contribute in making Long Branch a great place to live.

Continue the Long Branch tradition....VOLUNTEER!!

We hope you enjoy reading the following article about Long Branch's history.

Tom and Ann Marie Worosz

If you are interested in becoming involved with the LBCA, please contact Karla Gill at 703-764-4919 or longbranchcommunity@verizon.net.

History of Long Branch

Four initial model homes were built in 1972 at the intersection of King David and King Solomon Drives. Long Branch expanded over a period of seven years and now encompasses approximately 370 single family homes. Initial homes were priced from \$55,000 – \$68,000. A lot backing up to the parkland had a premium cost of \$900. Oil was substituted for natural gas for heating in 1973 because the government projected that the USA would run out of natural gas by the early 1990s. Foster Brothers was the builder. Unlike today's communities, Foster Brothers had no interest in establishing a Home Owners Association and/or community recreation center.

Most families moving into Long Branch consisted of couples in their late twenties to mid thirties with plenty of children. Block parties became the norm when weather permitted. Community pools including Canterbury Woods, ILDA and Rutherford had membership waiting lists and it often took a year or two to gain membership to a pool. Braddock Road Youth Club was in its infancy and became the center for youth sport activities. Public schools available were Canterbury Woods for elementary education and Lake Braddock for middle and high school students. Long Branch was in its infancy.

In early 1974, a few residents, led by Denny Vorbau, began the formation of the Long Branch Civic Association. Community by-laws and covenants were drafted and approved by the community. Officers were elected, various committees established and soon we had a newsletter, directory, garden club, social events committee, services buying club, welcoming

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Don't feel like dealing with traffic hassles when headed to Tysons? New Fairfax Connector Express Lanes bus service gives passengers quick and convenient access to Tysons from the Burke Centre VRE station by providing limited stop, express service between the VRE station and Tysons. Learn more at:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/newsletter/2013/february/connectorbus.htm?utm_source=Beacon+February+2013&utm_campaign=Braddock+Beacon%2C+February+2013&utm_medium=email

committee, etc.....we were becoming a community, sharing common interests and getting to know one another.

In 1975, Denny resigned as president of the Civic Association and with a group of seven volunteers formed a committee to investigate the feasibility of building a swim/tennis club within the boundaries of Long Branch. All of the land within Long Branch was zoned for the building of residential homes. Land needed to be acquired, zoning laws had to be modified and money needed to be raised....a herculean task to be sure. Within a two year period, these seven individuals convinced Foster Brothers to sell the community approximately 4 acres of land for \$100,000, worked with Audrey Moore, Annandale District Supervisor, to obtain zoning changes and obtained a loan to build what is known today as the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club. What was not known at the time was that a number of individuals lent upwards of \$10,000 each in order to obtain bank funding and demonstrate the community's commitment for building the swim/tennis complex. Four of the original seven volunteers still live in the neighborhood – Denny Vorbau - President (King Solomon Drive), Allen Hirschmann – legal (Tabard), George Nartsissov – Construction Design (Bramble) and Mickey Katz – membership sales (Bramble). Quite the accomplishment.....from a standing start to the opening of the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club in the summer of 1977.

Soon after the swimming pool was open, two of our neighbors who were experienced swim coaches, George Ruestow (Loosestrife) and Steve Claasen (Cascus), offered to put together and coach the swim team. Long Branch joined the NVSL in 1978. In 5 short years, a group of our neighbors added organizations and value to the Long Branch community.

LBSRC Continuum

During the ensuing years, various individuals stepped forward to serve on the Civic Association and Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club Board of Directors. In 1986, I was asked to serve as president of LBSRC. Our pool was in trouble. The hill adjacent to the pool had begun to settle and the pool deck had substantial cracks and the fence was tilted at a 45 degree angle ...unless we did something, Fairfax County would not let us operate next year. With the help of an volunteers, their contacts and donated time, we replaced the pool deck, replaced the diving boards, resurfaced the parking lot and modernized the bath house. We instituted an active social program which had lapsed due to lack of interest and community involvement. Our social committee sponsored 2 annual adult, a children's and teenager parties. We started Thursday tube and raft nights and had the swim team run the food concession as a fund raiser. We made the swim team central to LBSRC's existence; the pool was central to our children's summer enjoyment. We added lights to the tennis courts and offered youth tennis lessons. We sponsored tennis tournaments during major holiday weekends. We added an additional membership option aptly titled "empty nesters" which encouraged existing members to stay on-board even after their children departed from their household. We became a "self-managed" Club which allowed us to save money and offer life guard job opportunities to our community teenagers. One of the last things we did was to buy a freezer to

County Services for Older Adults Just a Phone Call Away

Fairfax County's
Aging, Disability
and Caregiver
Resource Line at
703-324-7948, is
staffed by
experienced
social workers,
Monday to
Friday, 8:00 a.m.
until 4:30 p.m.
They can answer
quick questions,
such the location
of the nearest
senior centers,
and provide
advice on more
complicated
issues such as
finding the right
services for an
older adult.

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/newsletter/2013/february/olderadultservices.htm?utm_source=Beacon+February+2013&utm_campaign=Braddock+Beacon%2C+February+2013&utm_medium=email

sell ice cream and a coke machine to dispense soft drinks. There was some push back on these last two actions...a major question was who would manage the ice cream and coke concessions. Ask and thou shall receive...no problem...volunteers readily stepped forward and set-up their own systems for selling the ice cream and soda. Today, these two concessions add enjoyment for LBSRC members and money to the Club's sources of income. During my twelve year tenure as LBSRC president, I worked with over seventy neighborhood volunteers who added their time, talent and ideas to make LBSRC what it is today.

Swim Team Continuum

The swim team has an illustrious history. The Long Branch Dolphins started at the bottom in Division 18 and rose as high as Division 9. Most of our swimmers are "summer only" dolphins although a few have discovered swimming as their primary sport and have gone on to swim for their high school and in some cases, their college swim teams. A developmental "B" meet team was formed that allowed "minnows" to grow into "dolphins".

Swimmers compete; parents volunteer. Saturday and Monday night officiating, working the snack concession, swim team parties and pep rallies and driving, driving, driving.....all require parent volunteers. Managing these activities is a demanding job. We know because Ann Marie was the "B" and "A" Dolphin's swim team representative for 10 years and NVSL division coordinator for another five years. It was demanding, time consuming and a lot of work but the success of the swimmers and the hard work of all of LBSRC's volunteers made the job rewarding and worthwhile. Your children are worth it!!!

Conclusion

Northern Virginia is unique with its network of strong neighborhoods that offer their residents a quite place to live and a place with services for the entire family. Long Branch was built into one of these strong neighborhoods through the work of volunteers. We have an active Civic Association, a wonderful Swim/Tennis Club and a summer swimming program for your children. These amenities make living in Long Branch more enjoyable and make our homes and Long Branch more valuable in an economic sense.

The only way to maintain Long Branch's quality of living is by having its residents involved. Long Branch needs volunteers; it needs you!!!

Do You Want To Develop a Resilient Child? FCPS has many resources available to help parents develop resilient children.

The materials focus on many of the difficulties children face in today's society, including bullying, depression, and dealing with stressful situations and events. Children who are resilient possess social competence, problem-solving skills, self-awareness and control, and initiative.

Resiliency also has a connection to academic achievement.

For more information visit:

<http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/resiliency/index.shtml>

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Our Heartfelt Gratitude to Melinda Malico For Her Many, Many Years of Service

The LBCA owes Melinda Malico a deep gratitude for all her many years of service. She has embodied the Long Branch spirit of community for over a decade. She served as editor for the Long Branch newsletter for many years. She then moved on to the Vice President of the LBCA for the past several years. Melinda believes in the strength of Long Branch as a community. She has volunteered her time for so many years to ensure that Long Branch continues to thrive as a community, not just a subdivision of individual houses. We are fortunate and grateful for all that Melinda has done for our Long Branch community. THANK YOU!



Neighborhood Watch News

The Long Branch Neighborhood Watch program is one of the most important features of our community, with many of our neighbors volunteering to help keep Long Branch safe. Currently, 52 families are on the watch schedule....which very conveniently means that each family has watch duty just one week a year. But the participation news gets even better: from the recent membership drive, **20** additional families have indicated they want to be a part of the watch program. So we now have a total of **72** families participating. Many thanks to all who are currently on the watch schedule....and to the new volunteers who soon will be!

While Long Branch can take justifiable pride in being a safe and attractive community, we should never take our security for granted. A few incidents last summer (and some events in adjacent neighborhoods) are reminders that we must stay constantly vigilant for suspicious activity. Whether you are formally a part of the Neighborhood Watch program or not, "if you see something, say something." Don't ever hesitate to call the police non-emergency number (703-691-2131) or 911 if a situation warrants police involvement.

Many thanks to all who are helping keep Long Branch a safe neighborhood for both residents and visitors. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to improve the Neighborhood Watch program. And new volunteers are always welcome!

Roger Hartman
Long Branch Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
9015 Windflower Lane
703-425-7268

Woodson Alumni Band Concert

The W.T. Woodson Bands would like to invite all band alumni to participate in the 50th Anniversary Alumni Band to be held at W.T.

Woodson on May 17 and 18, 2013.

Current WTW Director of Bands, Melinda McKenzie-Hall, and retired WTW Director of Bands, John Casagrande, will conduct the band in rehearsals on Friday evening, May 17 and Saturday morning, May 18. A public concert will be held in the WTW auditorium on Saturday evening, May 18.

Music will be provided in advance of the weekend for alumni to brush up on all their skills and instruments will be provided for alumni that request them.

Please contact John Casagrande (jcasag@aol.com) as soon as possible for further information. Further information can also be found on the W.T. Woodson Alumni Band page on [Facebook](#).

Another Beautiful Night in Long Branch—Thank You Michele Johnson and Richard Kalb



The night of December 23rd was a beautiful sight in Long Branch. Once again our streets were lined with the soft glow of Luminary bags. It was a gorgeous display of community to celebrate our neighbors and friends.

Thank You **Michele Johnson** for coordinating this favorite Long Branch tradition for the second year. Thank You **Richard Kalb** for graciously hosting the Luminary Prep Party for the second year. We are grateful to you for making sure this beloved tradition continues.

We are looking for a new coordinator for this year. If you are interested, please email Susan Betts at susan@thebettsfamily.com.

Long Branch Civic Association Directories

Thank you to all our neighbors who have joined the Long Branch Civic Association.

A **BIG THANKS** to **Martha Bernardi**, who coordinated the membership drive. Thank you also to all our wonderful street representatives, who distributed the membership forms and followed-up with their neighbors to guarantee a successful membership drive.

Your new LBCA directories should have been distributed to you already. If you have not received your copy, please contact Martha Bernardi. Please review your information and send any corrections to susan@thebettsfamily.com. A correction sheet will be distributed once all corrections are received.



Long Branch Civic Association NEEDS YOU!

As Tom and Ann Marie mentioned in the opening letter, Long Branch is a community built by volunteers. However, in the recent years, our community has suffered because of lack of volunteers and interest in continuing traditions. One of the traditions that have suffered is the Annual Halloween

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival 1st Annual Photo Contest

Are you a natural photographer or just enjoy capturing snapshots of the world around you? Celebrate Fairfax is looking for the best photographs of the natural beauty of Fairfax County and announces their 1st annual Photo Contest! In order to enter into this contest, you must submit a photo of something beautiful you see in nature around Fairfax County. Let the county be your inspiration. The top 75 entries submitted will be displayed during the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, which will be held June 7-9th, 2013.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.celebratefairfax.com/photocontest>

Party, coordinated by a few Long Branch neighbors but mostly run by our neighborhood teenagers. We also no longer have Santa Claus visit the pool for our youngest community members. This was a fun night that included Santa arriving on a lighted truck and a cookie exchange and hot chocolate. It was a great way to see so many neighbors you might not see as much in the winter.

Our need for volunteers in our community is greater than ever. We are risking the cohesiveness that makes Long Branch such a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

The Long Branch Civic Association in asking you to reflect on what it is the you love about Long Branch and see if you could fit a few hours a year into volunteering for a LBCA Board position. We are currently seeking both a **President** and **Vice President**. Both of these positions are not time intensive, taking only a few hours each year. However, these hours that you volunteer will be paid back many times over by allowing Long Branch to continue to be the wonderful neighborhood that it is.



Our Easter Egg Hunt Tradition Continues

Once again, our annual Long Branch Easter Egg Hunt will return. All families are welcome to attend this fun event for all ages. Spread across the grassy field next to the Long Branch pool are hundreds of Easter Eggs for the children to find. Who knows, a big, adorable bunny might even make a guest appearance.

A HUGE thank you to **Megan Davenhall** for coordinating the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the last three years. And a big thank you to **Jill Struhrke** for coordinating this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Long Branch Brick Sign Re-Built

The brick entryway sign on the corner of Guinea Road and King David has been re-built. Unfortunately, no further information on who destroyed the sign has been determined. The lettering for the Long Branch sign will shortly be ordered and once delivered, the sign will be back to its original condition.

Fairfax County to Police Illegal Signs, Fine Offenders

Fairfax County now has the authority to clean up illegal signs placed on roadway medians thanks to an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The Board of Supervisors approved an agreement allowing the county to clear signs from public rights-of-way and issue fines to residents who post them.

Putting up signs on any state road is illegal. The law does allow some signs, such as signs at the intersections of two or more roads giving the distance or direction to a church, residence, or place of business and signs advertising or providing directions to a "special event." Such signs will be allowed to stay up from Saturday through Monday.

For more information:

<http://annandale.patc.com/articles/fairfax-county-to-police-illegal-signs-fine-offenders>

Long Branch Pool and Racquet Club Improvement Drive

Dear Pool Members –

On behalf of the Long Branch Pool Board and the other members, we want to thank you for your support and membership at Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club this season. Last spring, we sent out a survey for recommended improvements. We got many great suggestions. Generally, many of the other suggestions focused on needed improvements – both big and small – for the buildings and grounds. This included improvements to the bathrooms, water fountains, pool building, pavilion, and tennis courts. We fully agree. This fall and spring we want to focus on improvements to these areas before next summer. Attached are a pool update and a request for contributions and volunteers for these projects. On behalf of the pool board, thank you.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Colonel Tony Febbo at annandale6@gmail.com or (703) 978-0305.

Sincerely,

The Long Branch Swim & Racquet Club Board and Fellow Members



Long Branch Residents Give Back Through Their Art

Annandale-based artist **Susan Fox Hirshmann** enjoys creating art and sharing her knowledge with others to help them develop their own creative style. A working artist, she also teaches several individual and group pottery classes per week. She says she enjoys sharing her talent by donating her work to help others. For the past five years, she has donated handcrafted bowls and other art pottery pieces to Our Daily Bread's annual Empty Bowls events so that her work can benefit her neighbors in need.

Ever want to sleep at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History?

Now is your chance. Tickets go on sale today at 10am for Smithsonian Sleepovers -- sleepovers are for ages 8 to 12 (w/at least one adult for every 3 children) and dates are 4/19, 5/17, 5/31, 6/15, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9 and 8/23. The full scoop on schedule, etc. can be found here:

<http://www.smithsoniansleepovers.org/>

[Smithsonian Sleepovers.org](http://www.smithsoniansleepovers.org)
www.smithsoniansleepovers.org

A night of adventure awaits you as you enter the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, just as the doors are closing, the lights dim, and the crowds shuffle out...

This year Susan inspired 13-year-old **Stephen Shaffran**, who she has been teaching for four years, to create bowls for Empty Bowls as well. He is working on seven bowls to donate to the event, and is looking forward to attending with his parents. The seventh-grader from Frost Middle School has participated in giving projects through his school and he makes sandwiches with his church youth group and distributes them to the homeless in Washington, D.C. He is excited about the prospect of being able to give to others in his community through his art.

Stephen said that he wants the people who select his bowls at Empty Bowls “to know I made them out of love. I want people to enjoy them.” Stephen added that he was not surprised that there are needy people in Fairfax County, “Wherever you go, there is always going to be someone who needs help.” He said he is glad to be able to help where he can.

Susan said, “As a potter, I feel this is my own special way, using that which I love – working in clay – to give to others. I have shared those feelings with my students and am excited that Stephen chose to create bowls for this fundraiser as a good part of his winter pottery class session.”

Our Daily Bread’s Executive Director Lisa Whetzel said, “Our Daily Bread is so grateful to Susan for her on-going support of our Empty Bowls event and to both Susan and Stephen for sharing their creations with us in hopes of making life better for others in our community. When we decided to have our first Empty Bowls event in 2009, we were looking for new ways to help more people understand that hunger and need are very near us here in wealthy Fairfax County, and we wanted to create a joyful opportunity for people to give. As we’ve organized each of these events, it has been exciting to see how community members have come together and given of their time and talents because they care about their neighbors in need and they want to do more. We are honored that Susan, Stephen and all the artists, restaurateurs and community members in general are sharing their time, talent and creations with us in hopes of helping our neediest neighbors succeed. We are especially pleased that Susan is encouraging a new generation to give back to the community. This event is possible only because of the generosity of our volunteers and supporters.”

In addition to Susan Fox Hirschmann and Stephen Shaffran’s work, Our Daily Bread’s Empty Bowls event will feature bowls contributed by a variety of local artists, art students from local high schools and community members who have painted bowls through special offers at Clay Café Studios Chantilly and Color Me Mine in Fairfax.

Cherry Blossom Festival announced; blossoms to peak March 26-30

Washington's famed cherry blossoms will probably hit peak bloom between March 26 and March 30 this year, signaling the unofficial start of spring.

National Park Service officials announced the peak bloom dates Monday at a news conference to preview the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival, commemorating the anniversary of Japan's gift of 3,000 trees to Washington in 1912. This year's festival runs March 20 to April 14.

For more information:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/cherry-blossom-festival-plans-announced-blossoms-to-peak-march-26-30/2013/03/04/af44698-84e4-11e2-98a3-b3db6b9ac586_story.html



Twenty for Turf—Woodson H.S. Needs Your Help

Many schools and parks in Fairfax County have installed synthetic turf fields in the past decade. Unfortunately, W.T. Woodson and the surrounding area have lagged behind. Now, after years of effort by the school, parents and community groups like Braddock Road Youth Club, W.T. Woodson is on track to have two turf fields installed this summer. These fields will be used by W.T. Woodson students (PE classes, athletic teams, band & more), youth and adult recreational leagues (BRYC & Fairfax Women's Soccer Association) and other activities.

Survey and engineering work is already underway. However, we desperately need your help with funding the project. So we are launching the "Twenty for Turf" campaign and are asking all current, past and soon-to-be Woodson students, parents, alumni, friends and community members to contribute \$20 or more. With just \$20 from you we can easily move much more closely towards realizing synthetic turf fields at Woodson.

We hope you will consider donating today and that you will encourage your neighbors, friends and former classmates/teammates to do the same. Please visit www.TURFwoodson.com to donate as well as to learn about the Twenty for Turf campaign, current community supporters and the turf field project and benefits.

Please support our present and future Student/Athletes at W.T. Woodson High School by making a tax deductible gift to the W.T. Woodson Athletic Boosters.

Go online at.... www.turfwoodson.com
Or send a check to the address below.
W.T. Woodson Athletic Boosters
W.T. Woodson High School
9525 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22031

Thank you for your continued support!!!

Sincerely,

Jeff Yost - Principal - WT Woodson HS
Charlie Oppenheim - President - WTW Athletic Boosters
Dan Checkosky - Director of Student Activities - WT Woodson

There's more to Fairfax's Mosaic District than just a pretty movie theater

The Mosaic District, which opened last fall in Merrifield, is the anti-mall. The handpicked local boutiques, national retailers and restaurants are clustered on tree-lined sidewalks with easy-access parking.

The anchors are Target and Last Call Studio by Neiman Marcus. Mixed in are small boutiques whose owners were courted to open branches in Mosaic, including South Moon Under casual clothing, Amethyst jewelry, Bellacara beauty products and Lou Lou accessories.

For more information:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/home/shopping-destination-the-mosaic-district/2013/01/15/918465a4-5128-11e2-8b49-64675006147f_story.html



Spring Into Action! 5 Steps for Spring Home Maintenance

Provided By: Schroeder Design/Build, Inc.

Trish Schroeder

Can you feel it? Spring is inching closer as the weather grows warmer, the days grow longer and local ice cream shops begin posting their opening dates (always a good sign).

This time of year, homeowners in the DC metro area are thinking about home maintenance projects they want and need to accomplish. For many, 2013 will also be year they'll make changes they've been considering, including adding a sunroom to increase their living space, having a deck built for family parties or improving their landscaping.

Home maintenance takes time and energy, but it's a worthwhile investment in your most valuable asset. Whether you're a new or seasoned homeowner, now's the time to consider these five tips and spring into action:

Check your AC – We know you might still have your heat on, but this is DC, so we'll likely make the automatic switch from heating to cooling in one day. Hire a pro to check your cooling system to ensure it's running in tip-top shape.

Caulk the Cracks – That sounds like something that could be on a t-shirt, but it's referring to the cracks that appear around windows and doors, which let the heat out and cold in during the cool months and let the cool out and warm air in during the warmer months. So, get caulking!

Clean out the Gutters – A perennial favorite with homeowners is cleaning the gutters (not), and should be done to stave off damage and annoying occurrences during rain storms. To get the job done, seek out one of the many companies in the DC area who offer professional, affordable gutter cleaning.

Repair your Roof – It's always good to have a (functioning and safe) roof over your head. If you don't want to risk climbing up there, contract with a reputable company to check your roof and make the necessary repairs. You'll be glad you did.

Keep your Basement Dry – And now for the other end of the house – the basement. Those annoying occurrences during rain storms can also happen in your basement if it's not properly sealed and/or protected by a sump pump. Make the investment in your basement for peace of mind and possibly find more living space - with a remodel to your unfinished basement.

Woodson 50th Re- dedication

A very special
event not to be
missed, April 13,
2013

All Woodson family, past, present and future, are invited to join us for more 50th Anniversary festivities on Saturday, April 13th, 2013. The program will run from 1pm to 3pm and include a plaque dedication as well as a presentation about Woodson's history, speeches from special guests and songs by Chorus Alumni (expect to hear over 900 voices!). There will be school tours offered, athletic events, refreshments to nibble on and various souvenir items for sale. Please join us for this historical event. Watch for additional information on our home page. [WT WOODS ON HOME PAGE](#)

Taking care of your home this spring will be well worth it – now and for the future.

Trish Schroeder
Schroeder Design/Build, Inc.
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www.SchroederDesignBuild.com

Have A Good Contractor...Please Recommend

Do you have a fabulous contractor that has done work on your house? Have you recently had work completed on your house or property that was impeccable? We are working on compiling a list of recommended contractors and professional services for our Web site. Send your recommendations to Melinda Malico at m.malico@verizon.net.

Long Branch Officers

President	Karla Gill (703) 764-4919
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There are multiple positions available for those who want to join the board. Some of the officers have been serving for a number of years. If there's interest, there's willingness for multiple positions to swap/step down, etc.

Street Representatives Street Representatives

Alyssum
Bradfield/Burnetta
Bramble
Cascus
Claytonia
Colt
Gloxinia
King David 4900-4929
King David 5001-5015
King David 5017-5031
King David 5032-5126
King Solomon 4800-4816
King Solomon 4817-4838
King Solomon 4900-4920
King Solomon 4921-5008
Loosestrife
Meadow Rue
Mignonette
Windflower 9000-9026
Windflower 9100-9123/Sabra
Steeplebush
Tabard 4800-4817
Tabard 4819-4839

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Kathy Naccarato
Heather Hartung
Julie Wiggins
Beth Elliott
Richard Owens
Mary Ellen Slattery
Martha Bernardi
Lynn Hawkins
Kathy Moore
Linda Leonard
Carolyn Bruce
Mary Rabadan
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Marcy Alvo
Nancy Ellis
Maritza Taylor
Lisa Spero
Marla Peyser

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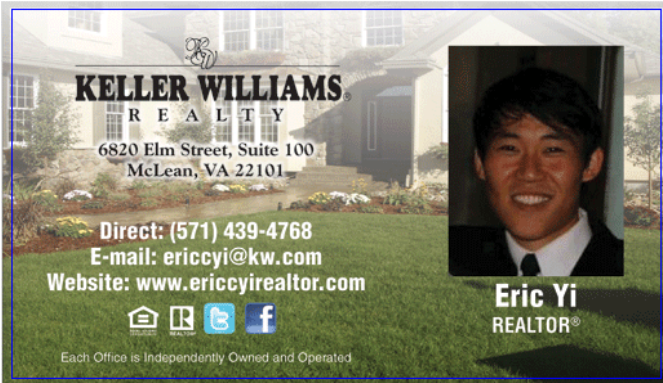
Don't forget to check the Long Branch Web site at www.longbranchcommunity.net for updates and all our community information! And don't forget to give us information and pictures for the Web site!



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Home Details

5 large bedrooms (12'x18', 12'x14', 10.3'x13.5', 9'x12', 9.5'x11')	Gas furnace and hot water, electric A/C
3.5 bathrooms	Full house fan
Living Room (14' x 16')	Attic vented with temperature controlled exhaust fan
Dining Room (12' x 14')	Two car garage with large attic storage
Family Room (15' x 20') with gas fireplace and built-in book shelves	Front porch
Upgraded kitchen with new appliances	Brick and new vinyl siding exterior
Separate large eating area (10' x 15') overlooking parkland	Beautifully landscaped
Oak floors on 1st floor - 2010	Large elevated deck with wheel chair access from driveway
New carpeting basement, 2nd floor	Backs-up to parkland with access to walking/bike trail
Finished walk-out basement apartment including small kitchen	All appliances convey
	One owner home

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